



June Newsletter

It's hard to believe but the end of the school year is almost upon us, graduation is just twelve short days away. This has been an interesting year for all of us, and we thank all of you who have attended various after-school events and community gatherings. Your support and feedback about the school are critical to its success, and we appreciate your involvement. We're proud to work together as a community to face change and diversity, true to our core value of promoting personal and academic growth, as well as independence of thought and spirit for all our members, within a culture of respect, responsibility and safety.

Announcements:

Summer Schedule: A significant amount of construction is scheduled for this summer, including updates to our Science Wing, the gym and locker room areas, and the Science and Technology Center. As a result, access to the campus will be limited. However, the IT department is still available to respond to any issues that students are having with their Chromebooks over the summer. Please come to the Main Office entrance, and we can put you in touch with them whenever you need them!

Project Graduation will begin at 10:00 PM on June 20th. The graduation ceremony will be at 6:30 PM.

2017-18 Schedule, the new schedule is posted on the first page of the school website. If you have any questions, please contact your guidance counselor. We anticipate sending individual schedules to families in the mail during the summer.

Warmest Wishes and Our Heartfelt Gratitude to:

Marjorie Beck, Bonnie Moody, Paul Padua, and Larry Peck are retiring this year. Please join us in thanking them for their many loyal years of service to the many students who have benefitted from their instruction and example. They have been an integral part of the HVRHS community and will be sorely missed; we wish each of them the best.

Introduction of an Oral History Festival

On May 12th, the ECE American History students participated in the school's inaugural Oral History Festival. The theme for the event was "The Region One Community in the 1950s." Eleven community members - all graduates of Housatonic - participated as interviewees. The students had spent months completing research papers, watching old television shows and movies, listening to Elvis, and reading Betty Friedan before preparing their questions, which ranged from everyday life such as "What did you eat at a typical dinner?" to exploring attitudes toward race and gender. "I loved every minute of it!" Massyl Mallem declared about the event. Zach Wilkinson commented that "It was really cool. My interviewee had so many amazing experiences."

The students will compile transcripts of the interviews to analyze for common and unique experiences, before writing reflection papers on what it was like to live in northwestern Connecticut in the 1950s.

The interviewees were: Ron Dower, Ed Kirby, Mary Kirby, Bunny McGuire, Frank Perotti, Jean Perotti, John Perotti, Pat Mechare, Pauline Moore, Woods Sinclair, and Peter Smith. A special thank you for their participation!



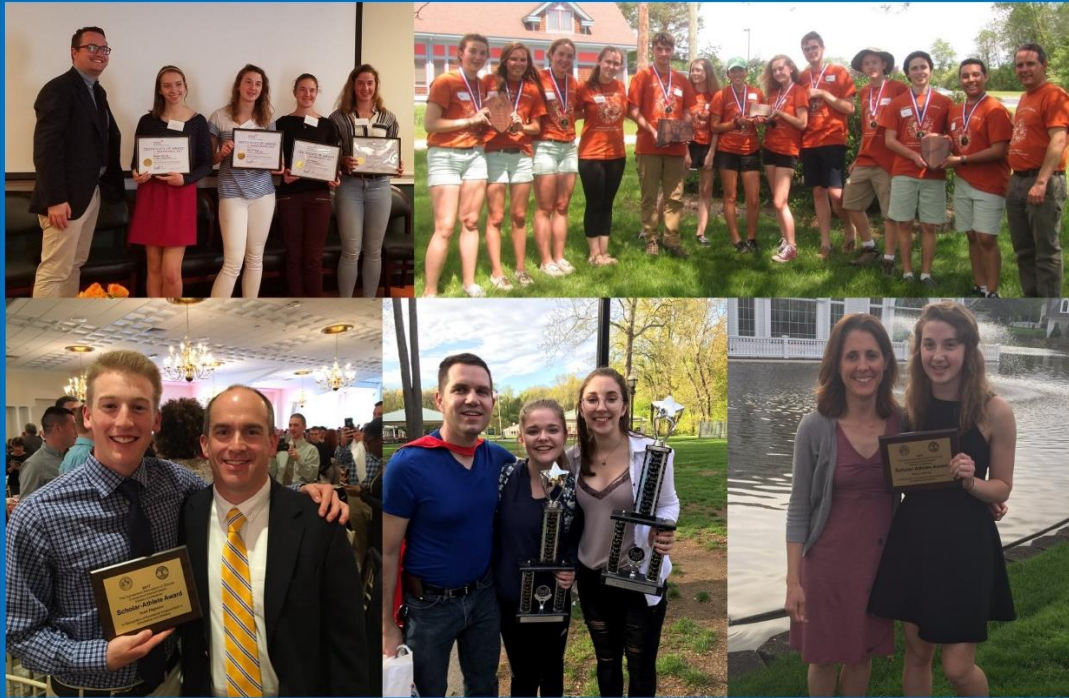
Summer Opportunities

- Summer Drawing Workshop from July 17-21, please contact Mr. Prindle if you your child is interested. (The class will be held at Lee Kellogg due to the on campus construction.)
- Film Making Workshop from July 24 – 28th, if interested got to www.civiclifeproject.org
- If you have students interested in SummerScience, please contact Camp AHA!, EXTRAS, Little Rascals or Kent Recreation. This year's schedule includes a day trip to the CT Science Center in Hartford

Around Campus

This time of the year is full of award ceremonies, field trips, and community events. The following pictures are just a few of the many students and groups that have received awards and recognition.

HVRHS Faculty Share Award Winning Moments with Students



Congratulations to All of You

Learning Experientially



Building Community



June Calendar

9th Sophomore class bonfire on field (????), 6 PM

11th Ag-Ed Rabies Clinic, 9 AM

Civic Life Film Screening at the Millerton Moviehouse, 11:30 AM

12th Marking Period #4 Ends

Spring Sports Awards Ceremony, Auditorium 6 PM

14th Early Dismissal

Exams Block A and B

15th Early Dismissal

Exams Block C and D

16th Early Dismissal

Exams Block E and F

19th Early Dismissal

Exams Block G and H

Senior Awards Ceremony, Auditorium 3 PM

20th Early Dismissal

Graduation 2017 for HVRHS, 6:30 PM

Project Graduation, 10:00 PM